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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL OFFICERS (MILPOS), HUMAN
RESOURCE OFFICERS (HROS), AND ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE (AGR)
MANAGERS

SUBJECT: Annual Medical Certificate (AMC) requirement for Active Guard/Reserve
(AGR) / Full-time National Guard Duty Special Work (FTNGDSW) Soldiers
(ARH Memo 04-001)

1. References:

- a. AR 40-501, Standards of Medical Fitness, 29 August 2003
- b. AR 135-133, Ready Reserve Screening, Qualification Records System and Change of Address Reports, 30 June 1989
- c. Memorandum NGB-ARH, 18 June 2003, subject: Policy to Implement AR 40-501 Chapter 3 Retention Standards for Accessioning Army National Guard Soldiers into the AGR Program

2. Purpose. This memorandum provides policy, standards, and guidance to maintain the requirement of the AMC screening for accession and retention of AGR and FTNGDSW soldiers.

3. Applicability. This memorandum applies to all AGR Army National Guard of the United States (ARNGUS) soldiers.

4. General.

a. **Entry into AGR (Title 10/32) Program.** A chapter 3 examination will be completed in accordance with AR 40-501 within 24 months prior to the first day of an active duty tour. This examination is to be accomplished at an Active Army MEDDAC, MEDCEN, or MEPS; if the examination is older than 6 months, but less than 24 months, a DA Form 7349 (Initial Medical Review - Annual Medical Certificate) with review by the State/Territory Surgeon or Health Care Provider Designee (physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner) will be accomplished within 60 days prior to the first day of duty to assure that chapter 3 standards continue to be met. In addition, a Human Immuno Deficiency Virus (HIV) test will be accomplished within 6 months prior to initial entry. All female soldiers will be required to undergo pregnancy testing within 15 days prior to initiation of any period of active duty or any type of full-time National Guard duty (FTNGD) exceeding 30 days. Standard pregnancy tests performed by accredited

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medical laboratories are acceptable. Pregnancy is a disqualifying factor for entry on any duty greater than 30 days.

b. **Active duty for more than 30 days (other than Title 10/32 AGR).** Prior to initiating active duty orders for more than 30 days, the National Guard soldiers must have a valid periodic medical examination with a DA Form 7349 completed within the previous 60 days and reviewed by the State Surgeon or Physician Designee in accordance with the standards of chapter 3.

c. **Re-entry on active duty or FTNGDSW.** A soldier may re-enter active duty, if the break in active duty service is less than 180 days from a previous period of active duty, by executing DA Form 7349, reviewed and approved by the State Surgeon. The break in service must be for non-medical reasons. The medical standards of chapter 3 are applicable, except that pregnancy is a disqualifying factor for reentry.

d. **Sustainment on active duty or FTNGDSW.** Injuries or illness after entry on active duty are considered Line of Duty (LOD). Between periodic exams, AMC screenings will be administered annually to individually assess the soldier's current medical condition since his or her last complete medical examination. Soldiers not meeting the standards of chapter 3 are considered to not meet retention standards and will require review by the State Surgeon and referral to the Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) Medical Review Board, in order to be retained in the ARNGUS.

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